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SUBJ: CICR MEETING OCTOBER 11, 1973: NATO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DISCUSSIONS IN COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND CULTURAL RELATIONS SHOED THAT WORK ON COMPROMISE SOLUTION FOR NATO FELLOW-SHIP PROGRAM PROBABLY CANNOT BE COMPLETED SOON ENOUGH FOR NEW PROGRAM TO BE LAUNCHED THIS YEAR. FRENCH SUGGESTED THAT CICR ASK COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL OF EXISTING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM ONCE AGAIN FOR THIS YEAR SO THAT COMPROMISE CAN BE WORKED OUT FREE OF TIME PRESSURES ALL DELEGATIONS ECEPT U.S. HAVE CONCURRED. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT U.S. CONTINUE TO OPPOSE CONTINUATION OF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT THOUGH FRENCH DELEGATION WISHED TO BE FLEXIBLE, THEIR INSTRUCTIONS WERE FIRM FOR RETAIN-ING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. FURTHERMORE, FACT *HAT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES COULD CANCEL PROGRAM EVEN BEFORE SENSIBLE COMPROMISE COULD BE WORKED OUT WAS "ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE". (REF. A) SAID CICR SHOULD ASK COUNCIL TO APPROVE PROGRAM FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR SO THAT CICR COULD HAVE TIME NEEDED TO WORK OUT VIABLE COMPROMISE FOR YEARS AHEAD. IF COUNCIL DOES NOT MAKE FAVORABLE

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INTERIM DECISION, FRENCH GOVERNMENT MIGHT EVEN WITHDRAW ITS CREDITS FOR NATO INFORMATION ACTIVITIES.

2. ITALY, ICELAND AND GREECE ALSO TOOK STRONG POSTIONS IN FAVOR OF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. PORTUGAL, WHICH HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY

TAKEN A POSITION, SAID IT WISHED TO RETAIN PROGRAM BUT COULD BE FLEXIBLE. ALL MEMBERS EXCEPT U.S. AND U.K. AND LUXEMBOURG (WHICH WAS NOT REPRESENTED) AGREED THAT PROCEDURE THREATENING THIS YEAR'S FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM PRECLUDED NECESSARY DELIBERATION AN* THAT CICR THEREFORE SHOULD ASK COUNCIL FOR PERMISSION TO RETAIN THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM WHILE DISCUSSION OF COMPROMISE CONTINUES.

3. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT NATO MANAGEMENT SURVEY HAD TWO YEARS AGO SUGGESTED THAT FELLOWSHIP FUNDS MIGHT BE BETTER USED ELSEWHERE IN EDUCATIONAL FIELD. SINCE THAT TIME NO CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM DOES IN FACT ADVANCE NATO INTERESTS IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY GIVEN THE CHARACTER OF OUR CURRENT PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROBLEMS HAS BEEN PRESENTED. WE COULD NOT AGREE TO SUGGESTION THAT CICR REQUEST INTERIM APPROVAL FROM COUNCIL.

4. FOR INFORMATION, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION VERNON SAID THAT IF INTERIM DECISION WERE MADE QUICKLY, NATIS COULD DISTRIBUTE PRINTED APPLICATION MATERIALS TO NATIONAL SCREENING ORGANIZATIONS IN JANUARY, NO EARLIER. DEADLINE COULD BE APRIL, SELECTION PANEL MAY. NATIONAL AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT WOULD BE FEASIBLE FOR THEM TO RUN PROGRAM IN THEIR COUNTRIES ACCORDING TO THIS TIMING.

5. SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING, U.K. REPRESENTATIVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL FOR INTERIM CONTINUATION. FOLLOWING THIS, FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATION WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT IF U.S. DECISION ON INTERIM CONTINUATION IS NEGATIVE FRENCH WOULD REFUSE TO DISCUSS ISSUE FURTHER IN CICR, BUT WOULD RAISE IT IN COUNCIL. AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE REPLIED THAT IT SEEMED PREMATURE TO TAKE ISSUE BACK TO COUNCIL AFTER JUST ONE MEETING ON POSSIBLE COMPROMISE THAT COUNCIL HAD ASKED CICR TO WORK OUT. FRENCH REPLIED THIS WAS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE.

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6. NEXT CICR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 25.

MISSION COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7. CONTINUATION OF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM DEPENDS ON ANNUAL DECISION BY COUNCIL. IF, HOWEVER, NATIONS NO LONGER AGREE THAT IT IS WORTHWHILE IT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO LAPSE. NEITHER NATO NOR U.S. MISSION HAD EVER AGREED THAT PROGRAM SHOULD CONTINUE INDEFINITELY.

8. IF IT IS POSSIBLE FOR CICR TO WORK OUT COMPROMISE BETWEEN THOSE NATIONS WHO WANT AND THOSE WHO DO NOT WANT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, IT IS LIKELY TO DO SO ONLY UNDER SAME SORT OF TIME

PRESSURES TO WHICH SEVERAL MEMBERS NOW OBJECT.

9. MISSION PROPOSES TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW GUIDANCE REFTEL C.
DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS BY COB OCTOBER 23 WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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